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THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN LE BORGNE, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, Deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour Sir JOHN WATKINS, CARRINGTON, Knight, C.M.G., D.L.J., J.L.D., Chief Justice, has by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1877, made an Order limiting to the 15th day of February, 1901, for sending in claims against the above Estate.
All Creditors are hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned before the said date.
All persons indebted to the above estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 19th day of November, 1900.
J. W. HORTON-KYRIE,
Official Administrator.

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Applications together with references to be sent to—
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Policies are unchallengeable after two years duration, on any ground connected with the original documents, if age has been proved. Forms of Proposal and all particulars may be obtained from
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Special Attention paid to the Comfort of Guests.
Cuisine excellent; under Experienced Management.
Terms Moderate.
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The Cuisine is Excellent.
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Cuisine Excellent. Prompt Attendance.
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L. HING KEE, Proprietor.
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THE HONGKONG STRAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE above Company is prepared to supply the shipping in Hongkong with PURE and FILTERED WATER both for deck and boilers.
Call Flag W.
J. W. KEW,
Manager.
20, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1900.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 19th December.

BEFORE MR. HAZELAND.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Four sampans were brought up on the information of Sergeant Gourlay on a charge of approaching within the thirty yards limit of a ship in quarantine at Stonecutter's Island. Sergeant Gourlay said the sampans were only about twenty feet from the vessel.

They paid the fine of \$30 his Worship imposed.

WARRANT ISSUED.

A warrant has been issued for the apprehension of Dimitri A. Stavros, who was charged recently with living on the proceeds of prostitution and libel on bail of \$500. He did not appear yesterday, the day fixed for the hearing of the case, and forfeited his bail.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Su Su, master of a boat, originally wanted to economize in doctors' bills. He was charged, firstly, with being in unlawful possession of 180 pounds of medicine, reasonably suspected of having been stolen; and secondly, with unlawfully playing his boat without a license.

He admitted the first charge, but denied the second.

The Chinese constable who made the arrest gave evidence of the bags of medicine having been found in the defendant's possession.

The accused said the bags were given to him to take care of by a man who said he would return for them later.

The sentence was \$15 or three weeks on the first charge, and \$3 or seven days on the second. The fines were paid.

CHOW PROPERTY.

Chan Hing, a coolie, was charged with cutting trees on Crown land in Little Hongkong. He said the woodcutter told him to take the wood, as he himself had no use for it. Chan Hing would find it cheaper to buy his firewood in the village than to cut it.

The same tariff was fixed on a bundle of newly-cut branches found in the possession of another coolie by one of the forest guards. It also was paid.

A STREET ROW.

Two firemen, a watchman, and a coolie were charged with disorderly behaviour in Leighton Hill Road. They all denied it.

A hui-koong described the row. He said all the defendants had hold of one another, but they occasionally varied the programme by breaking away and shying bricks.

Each was fined \$5 or fourteen days, and, in addition, bound over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for six months. They could not pay the fines, and consequently went to prison.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FORFEITED.

Chia Shing Chin, a broker, carrying on (or rather lately carrying on) business at 20, Graham Street, failed to appear to answer to a charge of obtaining two sums of money, \$450 and \$102, from an expectant Chinese Government official named Huang Sun, 322, Queen's Road, by false pretences, and forfeited his bail of \$1,000. A warrant has been issued for his apprehension.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

THEFT FROM DOCK COMPANY.

A coolie was charged with stealing several pieces of stove-piping belonging to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. He denied it.

David Reid, head watchman for the company, deposed that he saw the defendant cutting off the stove-piping, which was reported stolen on Saturday night.

The defendant said he was sleeping in the saw-mill, when the watchman arrested him.

One month's hard labour.

BARRAGED LADRONY.

Cheung Tseung is a hawker with peculiar ideas in the matter of business. On Tuesday afternoon he went to a stall in the Central Market and purchased 247 cabbages of vegetables, which he did not pay for at the time. While the stall people were at work, he and two coolies whom he had engaged smoked off with the vegetables, which they placed in a basket and were just on the point of starting for Yau-ma-tei, when the stall holder, who had discovered the theft, arrived, and gave them into custody.

The case was remanded till the 21st inst.

WATER WEIGHT.

A fruit-buyer was charged on the information of Inspector Dwyer with using an unjust weight 20 per cent. below the standard. The defendant, when he saw the inspector approach, slipped the weight into his pocket and prepared to move off, but was prevailed on to tarry with the result that he finally moved off in the direction of the police station.

Defendant stated that he had two weights, a right one and a wrong one. He used the latter not with any intention of defrauding, but simply because the string of the good weight was broken.

He was fined \$50 or two months.

STEALING A BOX.

Two coolies were charged with stealing a clothes box, valued at a shilling and half, from a shop.

The complainant's evidence was to the effect that the two men entered the shop while he was asleep and pulled the box from its place. This noise awakened him, and he caught the thieves and gave them into custody.

They got three weeks' hard labour each.

A PICKPOCKET.

Chong Ki, contractor's foreman, Peak Road, made two mistakes when he attempted to pick the pocket of Bung Pak's shop coolie. In the first place, Chong Ki's hand, Central in the afternoon, is scarcely the place to attempt such an irregularity without running the risk of being observed; and in the second, the coolie he attempted to pick the pocket of was not made up of twenty-cent pieces, as he imagined, but of cash, to the number of forty-five.

He will have ample time during the next three months to consider whether the occupation of a contractor's foreman is not a better paying as well as a safer one than that of pickpocket.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Indo-China steamer *Chingyuan*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m.

The N.Y. & K. steamer *Rosetta* (Australia Line) left Kobe via Mool for this port on the 18th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Derby* (with mails), from San Francisco to the 24th inst. via Hong Kong, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port on the 24th inst. via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The *Daily Mail* is responsible for the statement that the automobile from Berlin to Aix-la-Chapelle, resulted in the following loss of life: A woman, two boys, three dogs, a cat, and a horse were also injured.

FUND IN AID OF SUFFERERS FROM THE TYPHOON.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge receipt of the following amounts to the above Fund, and will be glad to receive further contributions:

Previously acknowledged \$250 & \$14,185.20

Tsun Wa Fong Opium Farm 200

Fook Loong Opium Farm 100

Fook Tai Koo 100

Joe Tek Shing 100

Ch. Guan Min 100

Tung Chan 100

Yuen Hop 100

Yuen Shing 60

Kat Cheung Hing 60

Sun Kwong Hop 60

Nam Tai Hing 60

Kwong On Wing 60

Tung Koo & Co. 50

Wing Cheong Shing 50

Nam Wo & Co. 50

Sun Tung Cheung 50

Wing Cheong 50

Kwong Yee Ying 50

Dorahed Norroto 50

Shun Shing 50

Kai Hing & Co. 50

Kwong Hing 50

Wong Kian Fook 50

Kwong Tai Hing 50

Kwai Mok Fung 40

Wo. Kee & Co. 40

Hang Tuck 40

Yee Yuen Yau & Opium Farm 30

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Tin Yuen Opium Farm 30

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Kwong Yuen Hing 25

Tik Shing Loong 25

Ho Tai Sang 25

China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. 25

E. V. Brennan 20

Tai Loy 20

Wing On Cheung 20

Wing Shun Wo 20

Wing Loong 20

Pe Tai Wo 20

Kwong Shun Tai 20

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Mow Yuen 20

Kwong Yee 20

Kwong Yuen 20

Wing Loong 20

Him Wo 20

Cheong On 20

Tai Fat 20

Yee Ying Cheung 20

Kung Sing Wo 20

Kwong Loong Tai 20

Kung Hing Chung 20

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA AUSTRIA.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

GERMAN EMPEROR ON THE SITUATION. London, 19th November.

The German Reichstag was opened yesterday by the Emperor William. The situation in China formed the principal subject of the Emperor's opening speech, which was couched in very firm terms.

His Majesty stated that since there were no signs of the anti-foreign movement in China having ceased, the allied Powers would continue until the safety of European life and the punishment of the chief criminals concerned in the late outrages had been obtained.

THE LONDON DAILY MAIL STATES THAT THE INQUIRIES THAT ARE NOW BEING MADE AT HONGKONG, WITH REGARD TO THE MEANS OF ACCOMMODATION FOR WARSHIPS THERE, SUGGEST THAT THERE IS AN INTENTION TO SEND A BRITISH FLYING SQUADRON TO THE FAR EAST.

THE MINISTERS' DEMANDS. London, 19th November.

With regard to the basis of a treaty of peace between China and the Powers, which was recently drawn up by the foreign Ministers at Peking, Dr. Morrison, the Times correspondent, states that the Ministers are now weakening in their attitude, and have reduced their demand for the death penalty for the high Chinese officials implicated in that of the severest punishment allowed by the Chinese law.

Dr. Morrison states that the recent Imperial edict ordering the punishment of certain high officials embodies the utmost punishment that the Court is able to inflict on the ring-leaders in the anti-foreign outrages. Li Hung-chang further states that he himself and Prince Ching have been threatened by the Emperor if they do not induce the Powers to accept the compromise offered by the Emperor.

It is, however, generally admitted, and it has strengthened the determination of the foreign Ministers at Peking to demand the infliction of the death penalty on the ring-leaders. Dr. Morrison points out that Moukoun, who Prince Tuan is to be imprisoned, is the ancestral home of that personage; while General Tung-fuh-shing, who commanded the Imperial troops in Peking during the recent outrages and the attacks on the Legations, is omitted from the list of officials to be punished, owing to his military power to be punished, owing to his military power.

GERMANY AND CHINA—DEBATE IN REICHSTAG. London, 20th November.

The situation in China was the subject of a debate in the German Reichstag yesterday, and Count von Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor and late Minister for Foreign Affairs, delivered a powerful speech in asking on behalf of the Government for the passing of a bill of indemnity to cover any unanticipated expenditure in connection with the military operations in China, and also for a supplementary credit for further operations. He said the Socialists and the Centre (or Roman Catholic) party in their criticism had shown a presumptuous disregard of the Reichstag, but the leader of the Centre party had supported the general policy of the Government. In the course of his speech Count von Bulow denounced the equivocation and inaction of the Tsungli Yamen at Peking, and said that body was responsible for the spread of the Boxer movement, and the latter was practically a general assault on European civilisation. The allied Powers, he affirmed, in the action they had taken in China, were acting simply in self-defence. Germany was seeking no conquest, but she desired to maintain the influence according to her from the present movement, and a fair share of whatever might be won by China, without attempting to overreach anyone, or permitting anyone to overreach her. He professed that there should be no partitioning of China, and that China should remain a well-ordered and solvent country. There was no reason for Germany to acquire fresh territory or overstrain her resources thereby, nor was she confined to any given territory, inasmuch as German trade was now ranking second in the world, and had been widespread long anterior to the occupation of Kiaochow. Germany, however, would not allow any infringement of her rights. She was in peaceful competition with other Powers, on the basis of "live and let live." That was the object of the recent Anglo-German agreement with regard to China, and the principles of that agreement had been straightforwardly adhered to by the other Powers. Continuing his speech, Count von Bulow stated that the points agreed upon by the foreign Ministers at Peking as the basis of a treaty had been unanimously agreed to. It was also agreed that China should be required to negotiate for such changes in the existing treaties of trade and navigation as the Governments concerned might deem advisable, and he was hopeful of the result. He emphasised the friendly relations existing with Great Britain and Russia, and declared that Germany was simply safeguarding her own position in Europe and elsewhere. She was not interfering with any other Power, and did not intend to act as a "lightning conductor" for others.

In the debate which followed, Herr Böhler, the Social leader, made an attack on the "no quarter" speech delivered by the Emperor William on the occasion of the departure of the German troops from China, and said many intemperate remarks to the effect that the Chinese had been the victims of the German troops, and that the German troops had been the victims of the Chinese.

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and in their place there has arisen a single
building on an extensive site at Fresnes-lez-
Rungis, eight miles from the city. The ground
occupied is half a mile in length, and nearly as
much in breadth. The prison buildings them-
selves are arranged in rectangular blocks, cap-
able of accommodating nearly two thousand
prisoners. The cells are larger than the average,
and in lighting and ventilation are said to
leave nothing to be desired. In these cells the
prisoners work in isolation at various trades,
and they are allowed to spend a certain portion
of the money so made on the purchase of extra
food and other comforts. In the bakeries
and wash-houses attached to the prison the
inmates work in association. They are pro-
vided with a large library; and in a hall
which is used alternately as a chapel and a
schoolroom they join in religious services and
meet for instruction. The whole building is lit
with electric light, and lifts communicate be-
tween the various floors. The outlook from the
prison is over broad walks and flower-beds, and
the villa residences of the prison officials. The
style of architecture is plain throughout, every-
thing having been arranged for convenience
and healthiness rather than for appearance.

It will be seen from this description that
there is nothing radically different in this
prison from its predecessors; it is merely an im-
provement upon them from the point of view
of the comfort and physical well-being of the
prisoner. Indeed, with the well-designed cells,
and its regimen of active work and open-air
exercise, it may well claim to fulfill the essential
conditions of a sanatorium. Criminals who
find their way to it may safely expect to
be treated in a more humane fashion than
was formerly the custom. But even in
this up-to-date institution we have a
marked survival of an old barbaric
method of dealing with refractory prisoners.
In the basement are situated the familiar
punishment cells, darkened with shutters and
furnished with the plank bed whereon the
prisoner may, as of old, become acquainted
with the miseries of sleeplessness. Confinement
in these cells is mercifully limited to a
fortnight; but with a bread and water diet
three days out of every four, and with not a
glimpse of sunlight, a fortnight becomes a
much longer period than it appears on the
calendar. Compared with the humane features
of the prison as a whole, these cells are a
manifest incongruity; and they reflect in a
very forcible manner on the undeveloped state
of our reformatory methods. Solitary confinement
in a darkened cell is torture even to the
most brutal sensibilities; and is better calculated
to induce a feeling of sullen rebellion than a
spirit of obedience. It may suffice to subdue,
but it cannot hope to reform—and reformation,
or the hope of reformation, is one of the
chief justifications of the prison system.

It may be doubted, indeed, whether this
prison, with all its improvements, holds out much
greater hope of moral reform than the prisons
which it replaces. When the prisoners at
Fresnes-lez-Rungis attend services in the chapel,
they have to wear masks, so as to prevent recog-
nition after discharge—a circumstance which shows
how much faith the prison authorities have in
their ability to turn prisoners into good citizens
who may face the world without fear and with-
out reproach. Like most other prisons, the
Fresnes institution attempts the hopeless task
of curing the adult criminal; and, like most
other prisons, it succeeds merely in giving him
an unpleasant experience to emphasize his anti-
social propensities. Even were the comforts at
Fresnes twice as great as they are, they
would not annul the hardening effect of con-
finement, of rigid regulations (which constantly
remind the inmate that he is wholly under lock
and key), of unceasing labour imposed upon
natures which have no aptitude for constant work.
These restraining influences would be excellent
were there any hope of their moulding the
character into acceptance of law and order;
but nothing is more applicable than the character
of the adult criminal; he is a finished product
of heredity and circumstances, which no human
agency can appreciably alter. In short, all
the excellencies of the prison at Fresnes are
nullified by the fact that they are brought to
bear too late.

This is a fact which is becoming more and
more evident as our knowledge of human nature,
and especially of criminal human nature, in-
creases. To make anything of criminals, as of
Scotchmen, they must be caught young. It is
then only that their character can be perma-
nently moulded, that their anti-social instincts
can be transformed into those of the industrious
and law-abiding citizen. Criminal propensities
do not as a rule make their appearance for the
first time at an adult age; they are developed
and extended before the age of manhood.
If they are taken in hand at their inception,
there is some chance of reform; every
year that passes makes the effort more
arduous, until it becomes altogether beyond
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